

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 902

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Lynn Gibson on the occasion of her installation as Tennessee District Governor of Pilot International.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the health and welfare of their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Lynn Gibson of Martin, who has recently been installed as the Tennessee District Governor of Pilot International; and

WHEREAS, a volunteer service organization founded in 1921, Pilot International members come from business and professional communities and are united by a common desire to help people in need and to make the world a better place live; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee District of Pilot International is this year celebrating its seventy-fifth anniversary, and the Pilot Club of Martin to which Ms. Gibson belongs is one of fourteen clubs in the Tennessee District; and

WHEREAS, a loyal and dedicated member since joining the Pilot Club of Martin in 1975, Ms. Gibson has held leadership positions including director, parliamentarian, treasurer, president-elect, and president; and

WHEREAS, upon assuming duties of the position of Governor of the Tennessee District, Ms. Gibson will hold the highest organizational office within Tennessee and she will take a seat on the Pilot International Board of Directors to represent the best interests of Pilot International Clubs throughout Tennessee and nationally; and

WHEREAS, with historic inspiration for its title, Pilot International connotes the riverboat pilot who would steer a true course through calm or troubled waters and is, thus, guided by the motto, "True Course Ever"; and

WHEREAS, since 1991, the service focus of Pilot International has been on helping people affected by brain-related disorders; and

WHEREAS, Pilot International's efforts to prevent brain injuries are exercised through the implementation of BrainMinder, a prevention-focused program that furnishes bicycle helmets to young riders and uses puppets to educate children about the serious consequences of head injuries and brain traumas; and

WHEREAS, focusing as well on the needs of persons living with brain-related disorders, Project Lifesaver Program is Pilot International's initiative to care for and support children with autism as well as those living with Alzheimer's; and

WHEREAS, instrumental in promoting the mission of Pilot International within her community and across Tennessee, Lynn Gibson is an outstanding ambassador for Tennessee and the various Pilot International Clubs scattered across the State as she joins the ranks of national leaders carrying forth the organization's mission to serve others in need through charitable, educational, and research programs, and her altruism is exemplary of the true spirit of Tennessee volunteerism; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize and commend Lynn Gibson on becoming Governor of the Tennessee District of Pilot International, thanking her for her charitable service to others and wishing her every success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.